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SUBJECT: NATO SPECIALIZATION STUDY - AIR FORCE SUB-GROUP

REF: A. USNATO 4032

B. STATE 175090

C. USNATO 4129

1. THE AIR FORCE SPECIALIZATION SUB-GROUP MET ON 4 SEPTEMBER, FOLLOWING THE STEERING GROUP MEETING, AND AGAIN ON 5 SEPTEMBER, WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE NETHERLANDS, BELGIUM, FRG, U.K., CANADA, U.S., IS, IMS AND SHAPE. IMS CHAIRED. INSTRUCTIONS FROM CONFIDENTIAL

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THE STEERING GROUP TO THE SUB-GROUP WERE TO QUOTE START THEIR DISCUSSIONS FORTHWITH, USING CMC-98-73 (STEINHOFF PAPER) AS THE BASIS FOR THEIR DISCUSSION UNQUOTE; QUOTE THAT THEY SIMPLY SHOULD RESTRICT THEMSELVES TO THE SUBJECTS DEALT WITH IN THIS DOCUMENT

UNQUOTE; AND TO PREPARE A REPORT WITH RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE STEERING GROUP BEFORE 25 OCTOBER, WITHAN INTERIM ORAL REPORT BY 1 OCTOBER. TO FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS AND PROVIDE SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS BY 25 OCTOBER, THE SUB-GROUP WILL ATTEMPT TO LIMIT THE SCOPE OF THEIR STUDY AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE AND CONCENTRATE ON NETHERLANDS' REPLACEMENT OF THE F-104G. THE AIMS AND PURPOSE OF THE SUB-GROUP AND A WORK PLAN WERE DEVELOPED DURING THE TWO SESSIONS. SUB-GROUP WILL MEET TWO DAYS EACH WEEK UNTIL 25 OCTOBER.

2. USNATO COMMENT: ALL REPRESENTATIVES ON THE SUB-GROUP APPEAR TO AGREE THAT THEIR PRIMARY PURPOSE IS TO HELP THE NETHERLANDS MOD WITH AN URGENT INTERNAL PROBLEM - ANY COMPREHENSIVE STUDY OF AIR FORCE SPECIALIZATION CAN COME LATER, IF AT ALL. APPROACH IS TO SELECT AIR TASKS FOR DUTCH SPECIALIZATION, THEN STUDY QUOTE POSSIBILITIES FOR, AND IMPLICATIONS OF, THE REALLOCATION OF TASKS UNQUOTE; RATHER THAN TO STUDY EXISTING TASKS AND REQUIREMENTS AND DEVELOP QUOTE IDEAL UNQUOTE COMPOSITION OF AIR FORCES IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN ORDER TO IDENTIFY BEST AREAS FOR DUTCH AND OTHER NATIONS TO SPECIALIZE, WHICH ALL ASSUME WOULD BE TOO TIME CONSUMING. INITIAL HOPE IN SUB-GROUP IS THAT CURRENT AIRCRAFT REPLACEMENT PLANS OF OTHER NATIONS WILL COVER VOIDS CREATED BY DUTCH SPECIALIZATION, AND GROUP COULD LARGLY AVOID PROBLEM OF REALLOCATION OF TASKS. SUB-GROUP NOT LIKELY TO BE RECEPTIVE TO MANY OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN REFERENCE A FOR THE TIME BEING. THEY APPEAR MORE INTENT ON DEVELOPING NATO RATIONALE TO SUPPORT FOREGONE CONCLUSION. THIS IS ABOUT ALL THEY CAN DO BY 25 OCTOBER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON GUIDANCE. END COMMENT.
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